

Automotive Assembly Division
Ford Motor Company

Ohio Truck Plant
650 Miller Road
Akron Lake, Ohio 44012

September 26, 1979

Mr. Kenneth A. Schults
Chief, Emergency Response
Ohio EPA
361 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



432164

REFERENCE: August 9, 1979 Spill Incident

Dear Mr. Schults:

We are supplying information required in the initial pollution incident questionnaire referencing a spill incident from the Ford Ohio Truck Plant on August 9, 1979. We are using the questionnaire's format in replying.

Incident

Spill of approximately petroleum naphtha, Ford standard number M16754, took place during a rain discharge duration one hour (approximately 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. on August 9, 1979). The plant was notified of the problem at approximately 7:00 a.m. on August 9, 1979.

Loss

The spillage was not neutralized, however, a siphon dam was installed to contain the spilled material. In addition, an oil barge was deployed off the plant to collect the spill to Lake Erie. A vacuum truck was used to remove the material.

Effect

The spilled material entered the plant's storm sewer. This particular sewer discharges into Lake Erie.

Final

The cause of the minor incident was a damaged roof downspout which flooded the roof of the plant during a heavy rain storm. While the downspout flooded, a small quantity of petroleum naphtha accidentally spilled into the



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flooded area. As the rain ceased the flooded area drained back through the downspout and entered the storm sewer system. At present, the damaged downspout is temporarily repaired and a project is to be written to cover permanent repair. In the future, materials of this type will not be handled in this area of the plant.

Item M

Our facility does not have a NPDES permit.

Item N

Written documentation is available.

In the aftermath of the spill incident, the U. S. Coast Guard National Response Center sent a Plant Environmental Specialist, Mr. J. H. Jurecik. The phone call was made to Mr. Apirian at approximately 2:30 p.m. on August 1, 1979. Mr. Jurecik advised the Ohio EPA was notified and the necessary communications were made with the U. S. Coast Guard. The U. S. Coast Guard visited the site and agreed with our clean up approach and also witnessed the never cleaned up.

The above phone number is associated with this correspondence.

Very truly yours,

P.W.J. Martz
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Plant Manager

cc: U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port - Cleveland